Purchase of medical equipment by M.P. Government

†259. SHR1 SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to the proposals submitted by the Department of Labour for the purchase of sophisticated medical equipments by the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Madhya Pradesh State Employees Insurance Services; and

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned and by when the rest of the proposals out of the total proposals sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh are likely to be sanctioned for the welfare of labourers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (b) Under the Action Plan 1998-99, the ESI Corporation has approved the proposal of the State Government for purchase of Sophisticated Medical Equipments worth Rs. 1,55,36,345/- and the State Government had already spent Rs. 1,17,99,685/- towards purchase of approved equipments. The proposals amounting to Rs. 1,85,30,000/- received from the State Government under the Action Plan 1999-2000 were incomplete and the State Government has been requested to furnish the complete proposal for taking immediate action.

The Corporation had already conveyed its approval for purchase of High Pressure Steam Sterilizer for ESI Hospital, Indore. The High Pressure Steam Sterilizer for the Gwalior Hospital is to be purchased in lieu of the condemned equipment. The State Government has been requested to furnish the condemnation certificate, so that the equipments can be sanctioned. The Corporation has also sanctioned purchase of other equipments worth Rs. 20.41 lakh of the total proposal amounting to Rs. 37,36,000/- received from the State Government.

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